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Socorro Consolidated Schools is filing an appeal to the FCC with regard to Form 471 application number 473432. I will also send this appeal letter certified return receipt to the address provided.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important matter.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns

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# LETTER OF APPEAL CC Docket No. 02-6 Request for Review

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The purpose of this letter is to appeal to the FCC the following decisions presented in the Administrators Decision on Appeal-Funding Year 2005-2006

Appellant name: Socorro Consolidated Schools

Service Provider: Qwest Corporation

Applicant Billed Entity Number 143303

Service Provider SPIN 1430005231 Form 471 Application Number 473432 Funding Request Number 1305049

Appellant name: Socorro Consolidated Schools
Service Provider: Integrated Technologies

Applicant Billed Entity Number 143303

Service Provider SPIN 143027151
Form 471 Application Number 473432
Funding Request Number 1305178

Appellant name: Socorro Consolidated Schools
Service Provider: Socorro Electric Cooperative

Applicant Billed Entity Number 143303 Service Provider SPIN 143027092 Form 471 Application Number 473432 Funding Request Number 1305222

Appellant name: Socorro Consolidated Schools
Service Provider: Integrated Technologies
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The funding commitment decision letter for funding year 2005 states for application number 473432 "Documentation indicates that you did not have a written Technology Plan at the time the Form 470 was filed. FCC rules require applicants to have a written technology plan, at the time the Form 470 was filed, if they are seeking discounts for more than basic phone service". Socorro Consolidated Schools appealed this decision stating that SCS did in fact have an approved Technology Plan in place during the time the 470 was filed, and provided evidence to that fact.

The SLD Decision on Appeal letter dated November 22, 2005 states that SCS responded to the SLD Selective Review (case SR-2005-BEN# 143303) dated August 2, 2005 stating that the Technology Plan was revised on February 19, 2005 and that this date was after the date the Socorro Consolidated Schools filed form 471.

The district's response to the above-mentioned Selective Review response and ultimately the reason for the appeal denial is the usage of the word revised. Perhaps the more concise term that should have been used in that Selective Review response is reviewed rather than revised. The Socorro Consolidated Schools Technology plan goes through the in district review process every February since 2003. Therefore, the review date for the 2005-2006 SCS Form 471 application number 473432 was conducted in February 2004, and not February 19, 2005. Basically, the use of 2005 was a typographical error.

The SLD denial of the appeal is based on an understanding that the SCS Technology plan was revised after the filing of form 470. The response on the SLD selective review questionnaire (case SR-2005-BEN# 143303) should have more clearly stated that the technology plan was approved and operative and in effect from November 22, 2002 through January 27, 2006. The SCS technology plan is reviewed annually for the purpose of goal attainment toward state approved technology goals.

The fact of the matter is that Socorro Consolidated Schools did have a state educational agency approved technology plan (FCC order 97-157, Paragraph 574) in place at the time the 2005-2006 form 470 and form 471 application number 473432 was submitted. The attachment indicates that Socorro Consolidated Schools has had a state approved technology plan in place since December 22, 2002, one that is operative and in effect through January 27, 2006. Please see the attachment from Ms. Michelle Lewis, the NM Public Education Department Technology Coordinator, attesting to this fact.

I must also mention that Socorro Consolidated Schools is located in the County of Socorro, the second poorest county in the 2<sup>nd</sup> poorest state in the country. Socorro Consolidated Schools relies enormously on the E-rate program to provide our children with access to the technology they deserve. Denial of the 2005-2006 request will negatively affect the progress that has previously been made.

Please re-evaluate this appeal based on the facts presented here within. It appears that the reason for denial by the SLD is due to a miscommunication and that the intention of the E-rate program will be preserved if the appeal is granted.

Please contact Ms. Michelle Lewis, New Mexico Public Education Department Technology coordinator. She can attest to the existence of the SCS districts three year approved and operative Technology Plan. As per my conversation with her, she has asked me to include her name number and email address:

Michelle Lewis
New Mexico PED Technology Coordinator
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Based on the fact that the SLD decision on Appeal denied the following funding request numbers: 1305049, 1305178, 1305222, 1305306 for the same reason. The information provided serves as the appeal explanation for each of the above mentioned funding requests.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter of mutual concern.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Jaramillo

Superintendent of Socorro Consolidated Schools

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Please be advised that your district has an approved technology plan from December 27, 2002 through December 27, 2005. Please submit a three year plan by January 27, 2006 so that you remain in compliance with EETT, Ed. Tech. and E\*RATE requirements. Take carel

### Michelle M. Lewis

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